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**In the Specification:**

The following proposed amendment of specification was to be decided by the examiner after reconsidering the Remark provided herein.

Proposed amendment of specification:

Please replace page 1, lines 20-28, first paragraph of the BACKGROUND OF INVENTION as follow:

The present invention relates generally to a programming tool that is designed to interface between programmers and computers. ~~According to the understanding of a person having ordinary knowledge in the art, a programming tool, or programming system as described herein, is defined as a "tool", that enables a programmer to program a computing device.~~ This programming tool also supports a programming method that allows a programmer to make extensive use of tables as a mean to represent the logical thinking of a programmer reflected in a program written by this programming tool, and enabling the programming process easily to be understood by third parties. ~~As further described in the specification herein, the definition of programming tool or programming system also includes a tool that enables a programmer to program a local or remote computing device.~~ Thus, these improvements enhance the efficiency of programming, reduce the likelihood of the presence of program bugs or structural errors. In addition, the training cost required for a programmer to learn the programming method is minimal. The resulting programs composed with the invented method also will be easy to be read and to be maintained by any programmer.